

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1543 without my signature.

This bill would enact the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act providing a transportation plan for Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands. The bill provides an exemption to existing law that prohibits local agencies from imposing new taxes, permit fees, or other charges for the privilege of using its streets and roads. This exemption would allow the imposition of automobile congestion fees, on- and off-street parking fees, and transit pass fees on both residents and other users.

While such an exemption may be appropriate for the islands, any new fees proposed as a result of this exemption should be approved by a vote of the people. On numerous bills attempting to raise fees for local purposes, I have held that such fees should be approved by a vote of the people. This measure does not include such a provision.

For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger